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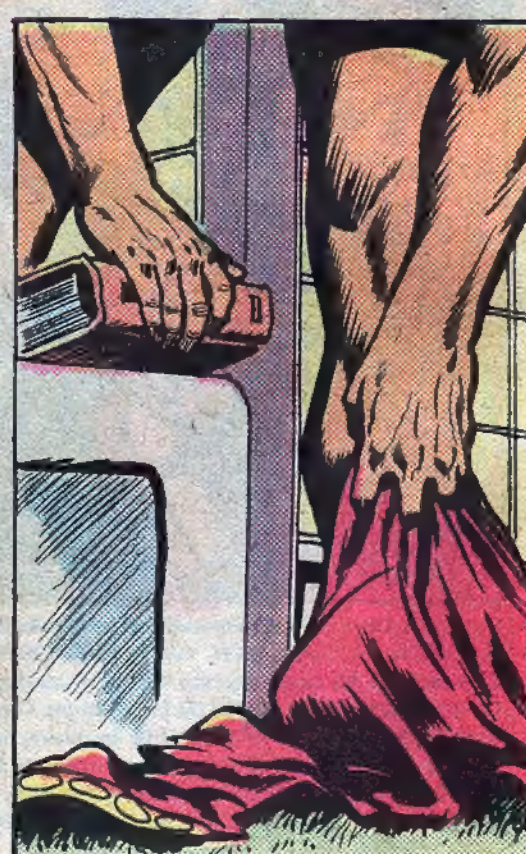
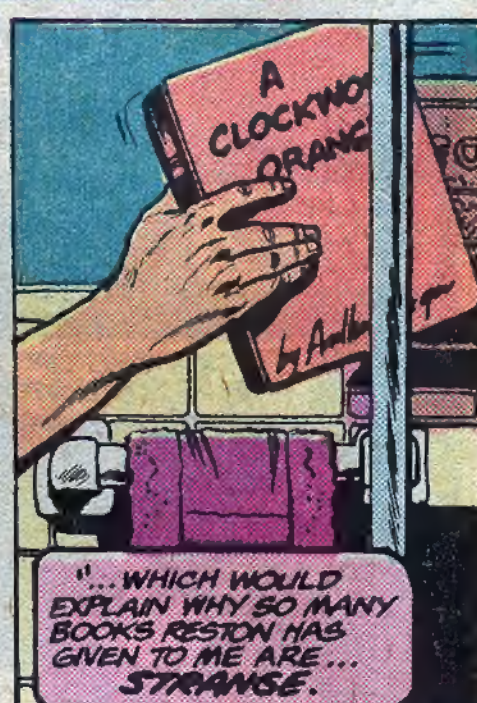
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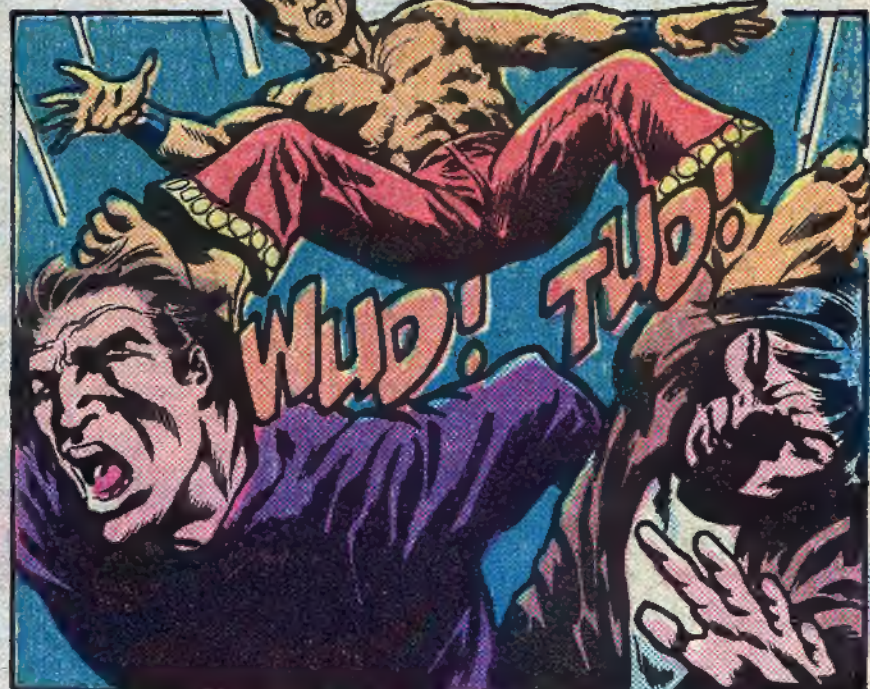
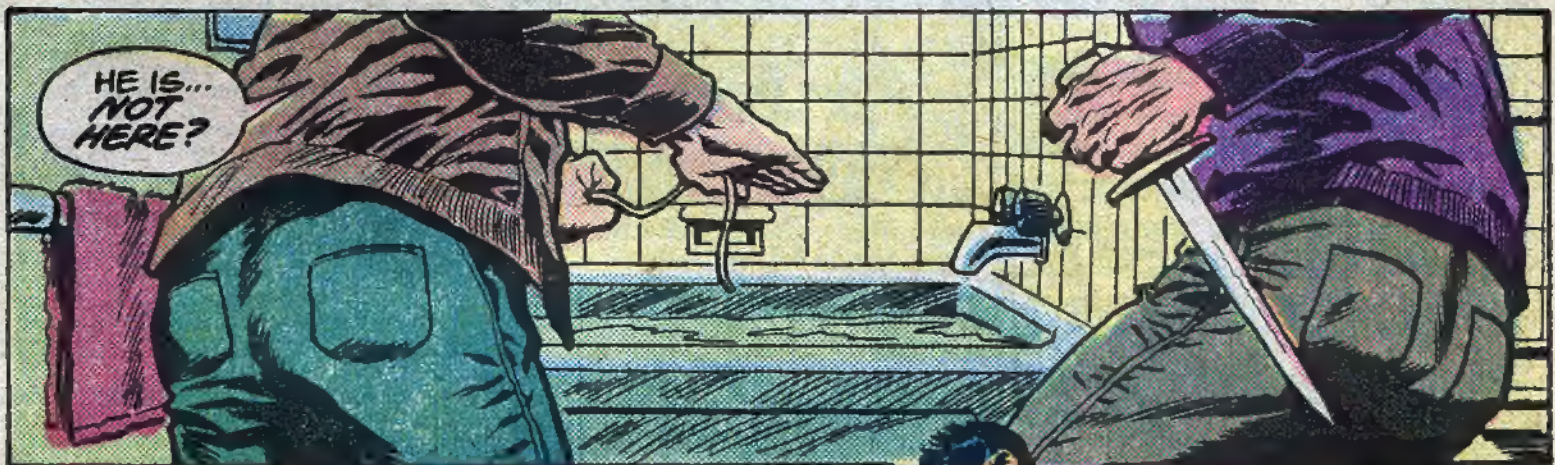
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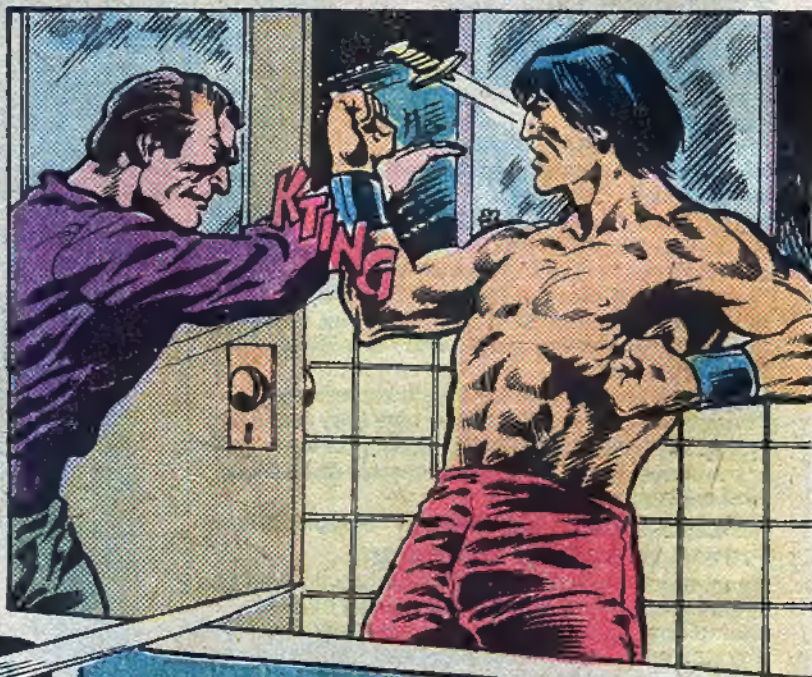
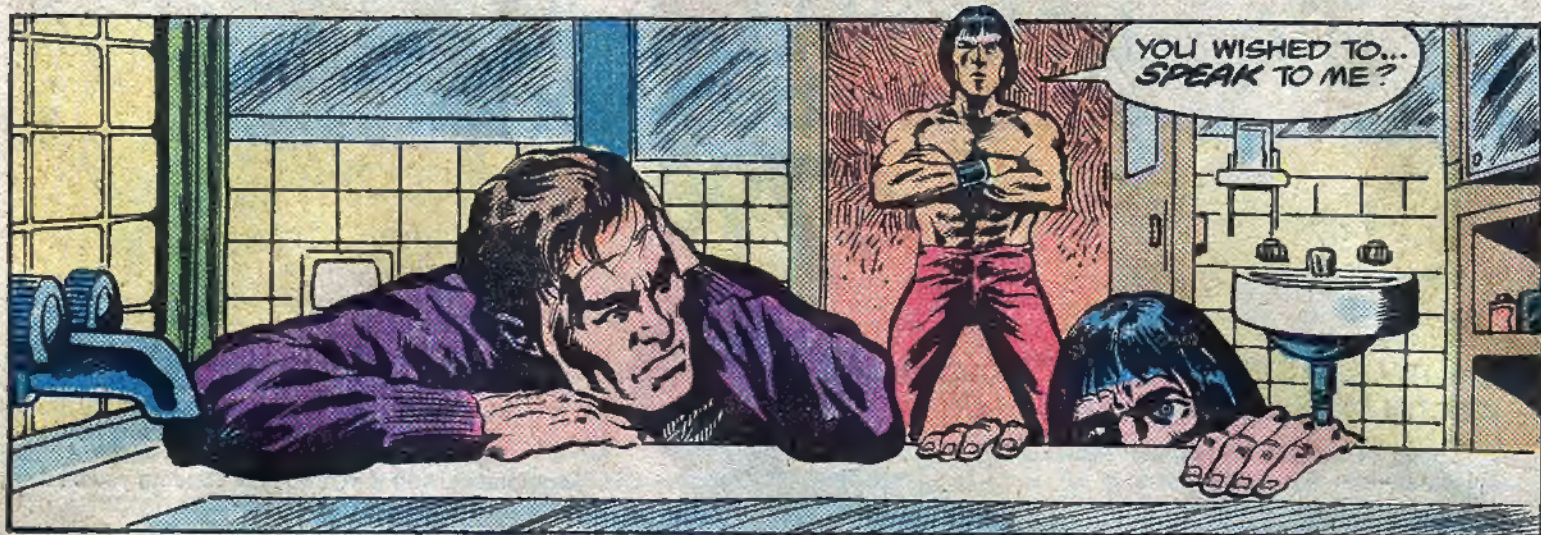
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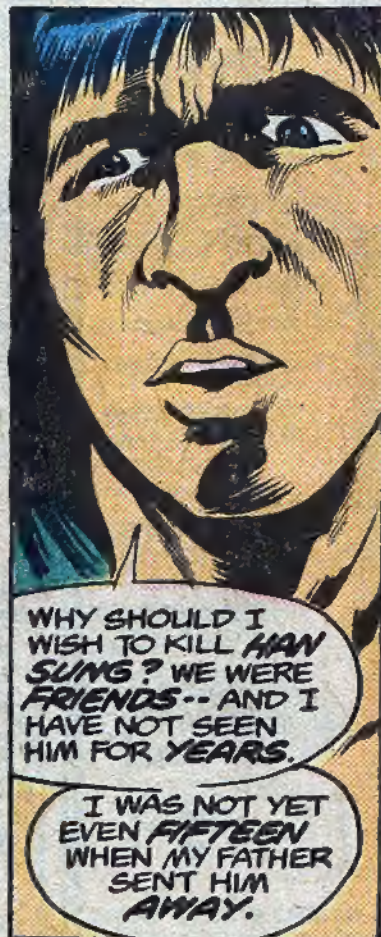
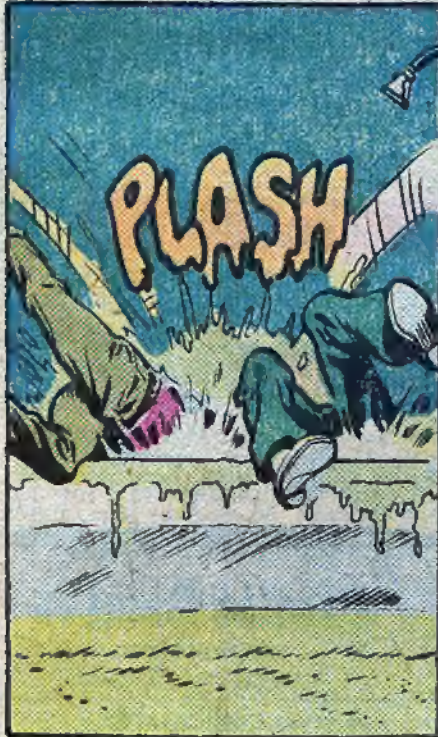
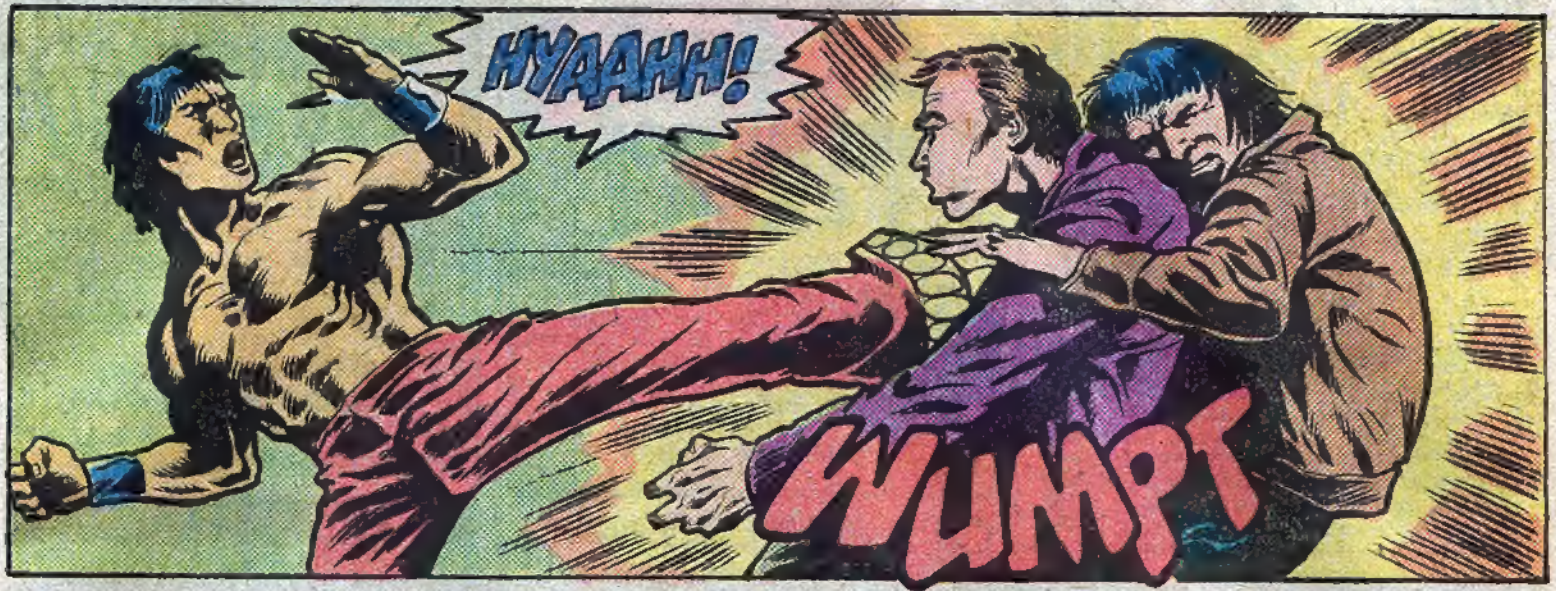
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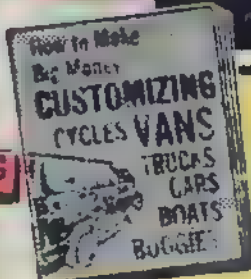
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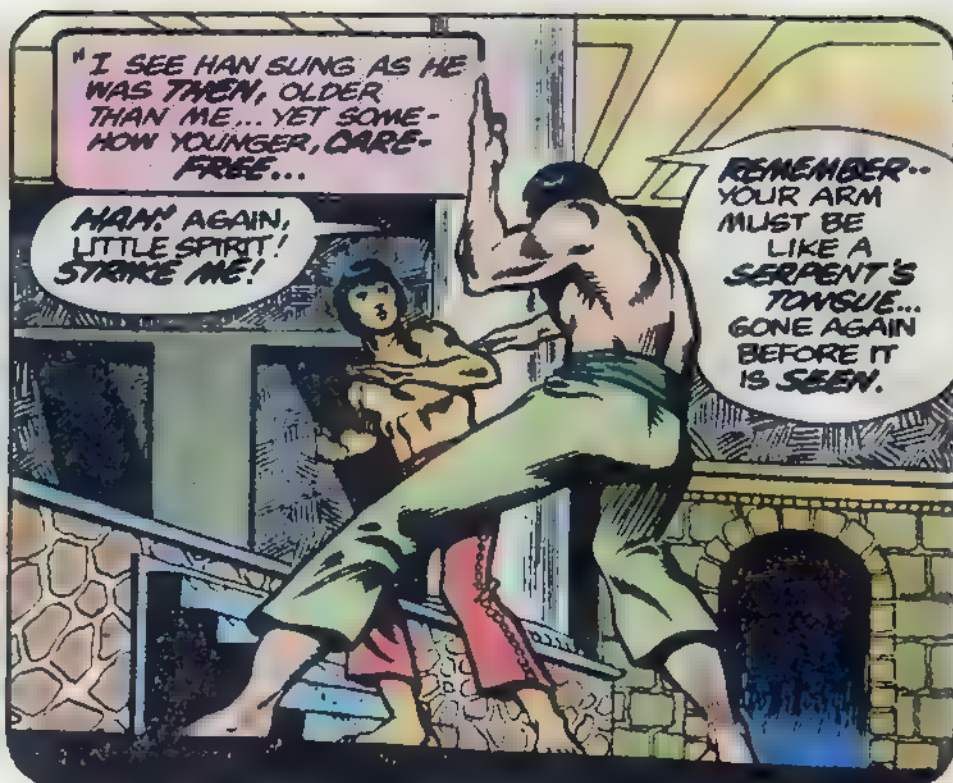
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"HE RETURNED TO MY FATHER'S FORTRESS... AND FULFILLED HIS LONG-AGO VOW..."



"I SEE HAN SUNG AS HE WAS THEN, OLDER THAN ME... YET SOMEHOW YOUNGER, CARE-FREE..."

"HAH! AGAIN, LITTLE SPIRIT! STRIKE ME!"

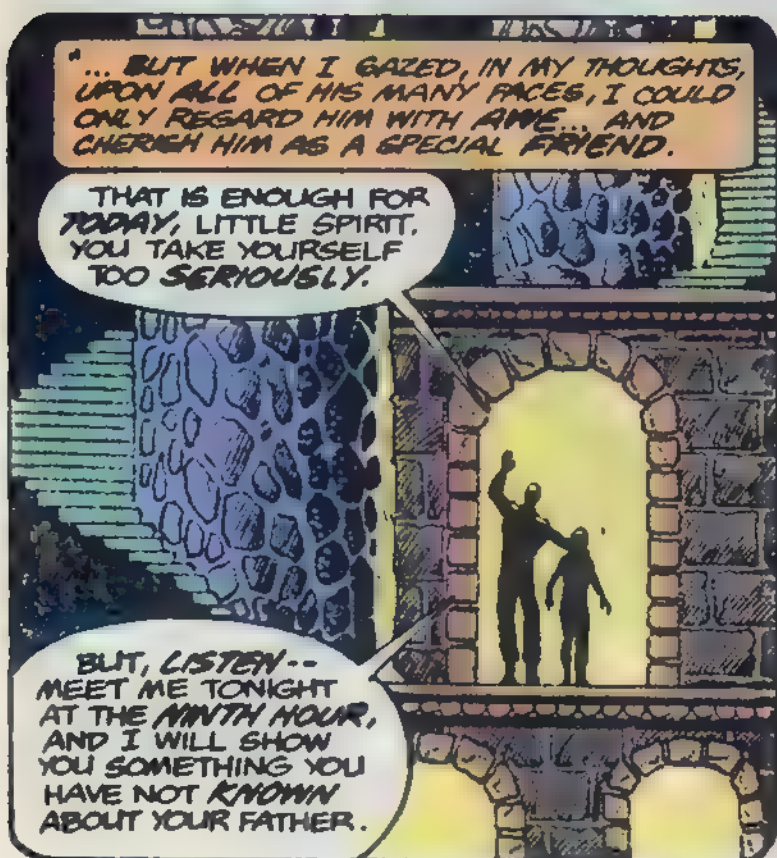
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"HAH! AND NOW, HOW SHALL THE SERPENT CLOSE HIS MOUTH, WHEN HIS TONGUE HAS FOUND A TRAP?"

"I RESENTED HIM FOR ANY ONE OF HIS TRAITS..."



"... BUT WHEN I GAZED, IN MY THOUGHTS, UPON ALL OF HIS MANY FACES, I COULD ONLY REGARD HIM WITH AWE... AND CHERISH HIM AS A SPECIAL FRIEND."

THAT IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY, LITTLE SPIRIT. YOU TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY.

BUT, LISTEN-- MEET ME TONIGHT AT THE NINTH HOUR, AND I WILL SHOW YOU SOMETHING YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN ABOUT YOUR FATHER.



"THE RESENTMENT REQUIRED ISOLATION OF THOSE CURIOUS FRAGMENTS WHICH FORMED HIM."

"BUT HAN SUNG WAS A MAN NOT EASILY BROKEN, WHOSE STRANGE GUISES WERE DIFFICULT TO ISOLATE. THE FRAGMENTS, THOUGH NONE MATCHED, ALL INTERLOCKED--LIKE A BEADED NECKLACE STRUNG BY ONE OF MY FATHER'S TRAINED MONKEYS."

"AND SO I MET HAN SUNG IN STEALTH AT THE APPOINTED HOUR.

"FROM THE SHADOWS, HE SHOWED ME TEETH SAVORING DANGER...



"... AND HE TOOK ME TO A DARK AND NARROW PLACE IN WHICH WE CRAWLED, AS IF SQUIRMING THROUGH THE BELLY OF AN OMINOUS SECRET.



"HE STOPPED, AND HIS FACES FELL AWAY ONE BY ONE, UNTIL HIS ENTIRE BEING WAS NOTHING BUT PLAYFUL EXCITEMENT.

YES! WE ARE JUST IN TIME. HE IS STARTING.



"I RESENTED HIM FOR THAT MOMENT. IT WAS NOT RIGHT FOR A MAN TO BE SO... CHILDLIKE.

LOOK, LITTLE SPIRIT, AND SEE WHY YOUR FATHER IS AS OLD AS THE WIND IN THE TREES, YET AS YOUNG AS THE SPRING BUDS.



"MY NOSE TOUCHED THE COLD STONE, AND I GASPED AT THE SUDDEN SHOCK.

"SOMEHOW, WE WERE ABOVE MY FATHER'S PRIVATE CHAMBERS. I FELT A WAVE OF EVIL OVER ME. I WAS SPYING ON MY FATHER. THEN I UNDERSTOOD HAN SUNG'S EXCITEMENT.

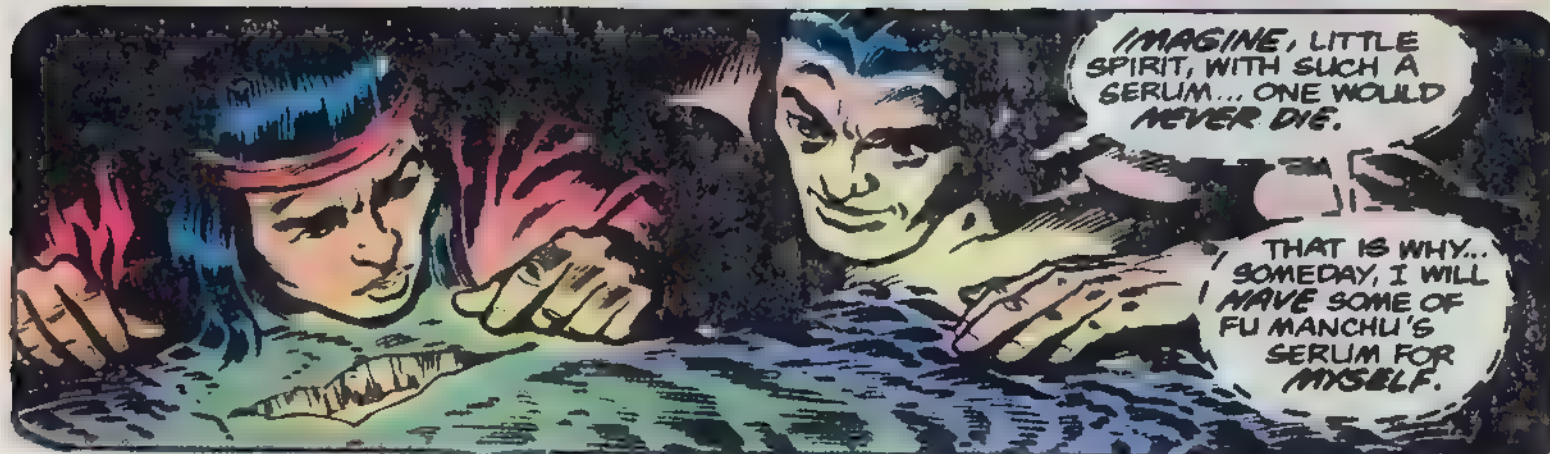


"HIS VOICE HISSED INTO MY EAR: 'DO YOU SEE HIM, LITTLE SPIRIT? HE IS MIXING HIS ELIXIR VITAE.



"IT IS A SERUM OF IMMORTALITY, LITTLE SPIRIT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

"IT MEANS... HE WILL LIVE FOREVER."



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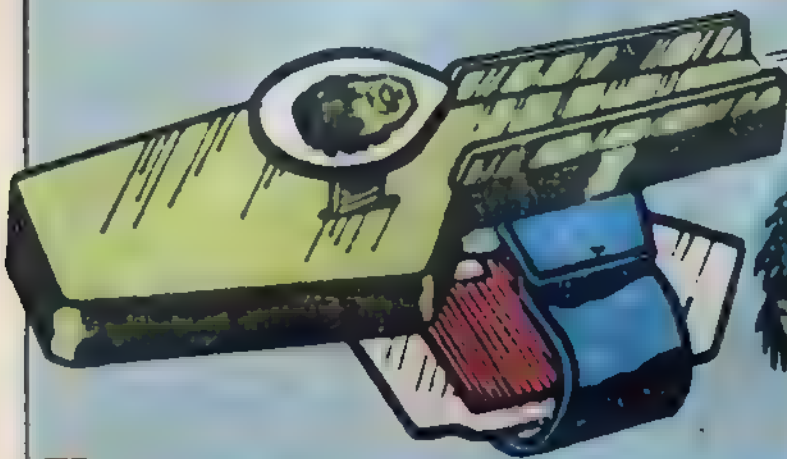
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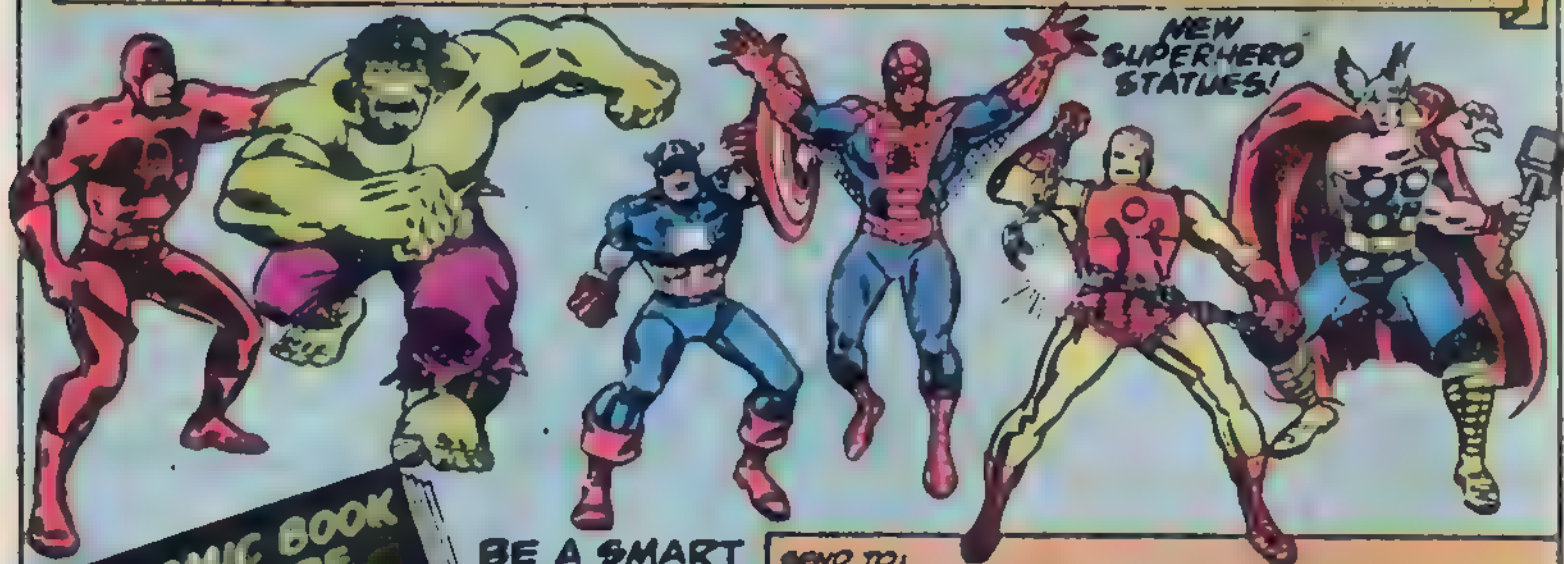
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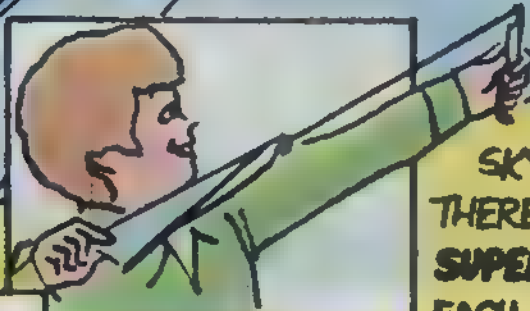
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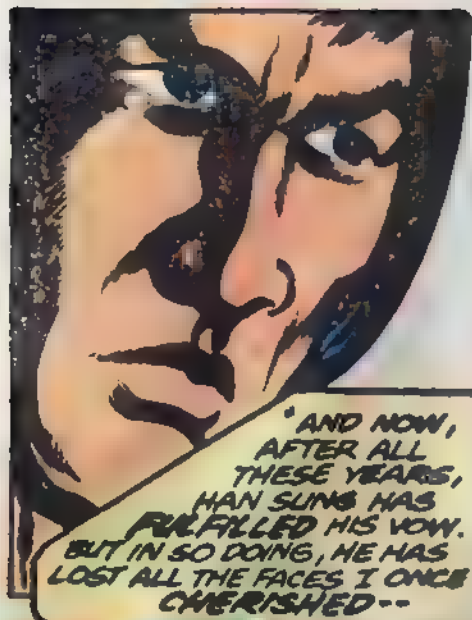
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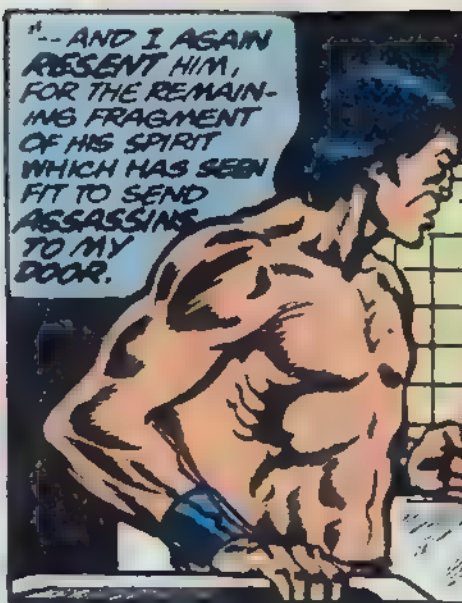
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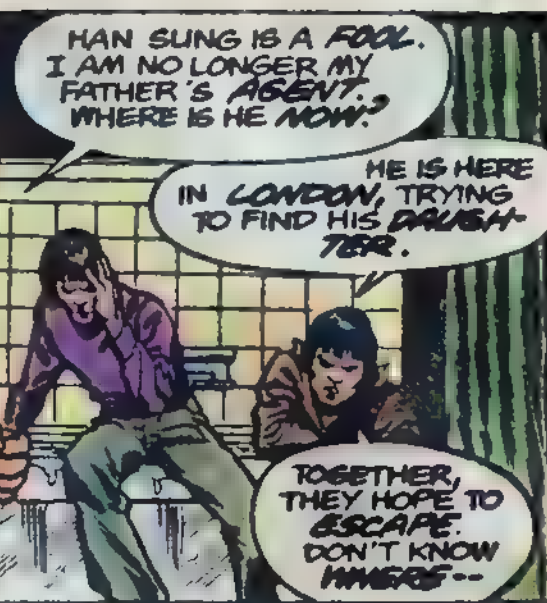
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"AND NOW, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, HAN SUNG HAS FULFILLED HIS VOW. BUT IN SO DOING, HE HAS LOST ALL THE FACES I ONCE CHERISHED--



"-- AND I AGAIN RESENT HIM, FOR THE REMAINING FRAGMENT OF HIS SPIRIT WHICH HAS SEEN FIT TO SEND ASSASSINS TO MY DOOR.



HAN SUNG IS A FOOL. I AM NO LONGER MY FATHER'S AGENT. WHERE IS HE NOW?

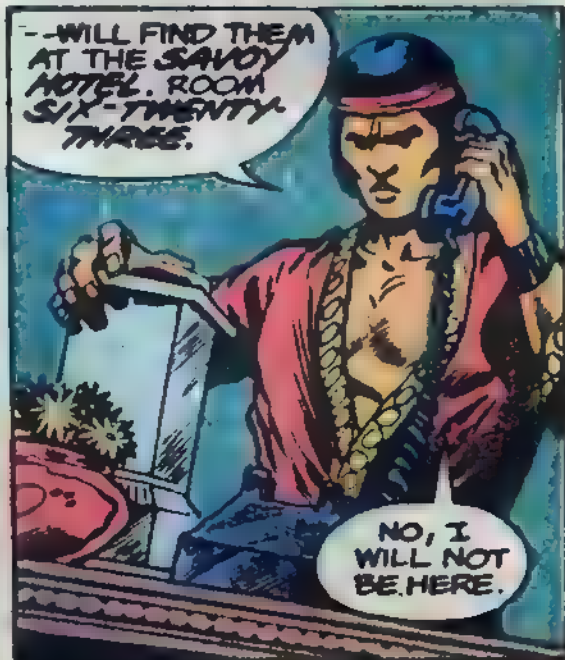
HE IS HERE IN LONDON, TRYING TO FIND HIS DAUGHTER.

TOGETHER, THEY HOPE TO ESCAPE. DON'T KNOW WHERE--



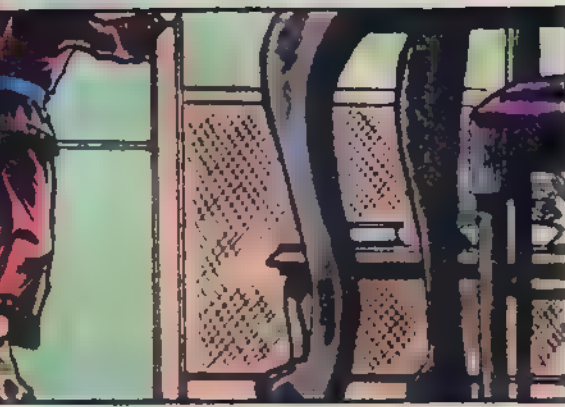
WHERE IS HAN SUNG... NOW?

I-I DON'T KNOW. WE WERE TO MEET HIM AT THE LAME-HOUSE-- NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT-- FOR THE REST OF OUR PAYMENT...



-- WILL FIND THEM AT THE SAVOY HOTEL, ROOM SIX-TWENTY-THREE.

NO, I WILL NOT BE HERE.



"I HAVE SPENT THE DAY SEARCHING FOR HAN SUNG.

"IT WAS WASTED TIME.



"FAR AWAY, MUFFLED BY THE FOG, A HAUNTING SOUND OF MYSTERY, I HEAR THE CLOCK TOWER CALLS 'BIS BEN'.

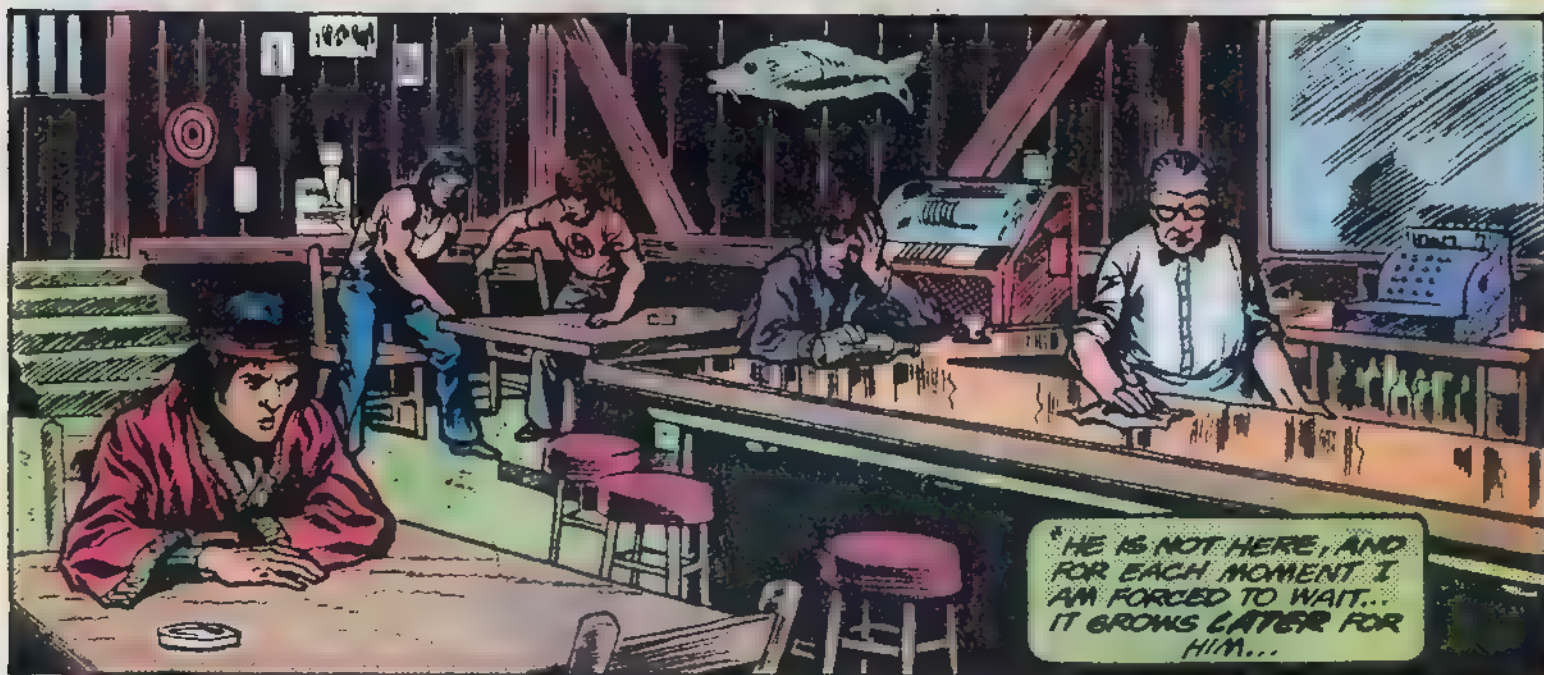
IT TOLLS NINE TIMES.

"I CAN ONLY HOPE, FOR HIS OWN SAKE, THAT HAN SUNG RESPECTS HIS BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS MORE THAN MY LIFE."

"BUT HE CAN KEEP THE REST OF HIS MONEY."

IT WAS HIM.

YES... THEY FAILED THIS MORNING.



"HE IS NOT HERE, AND FOR EACH MOMENT I AM FORCED TO WAIT... IT GROWS LATER FOR HIM..."

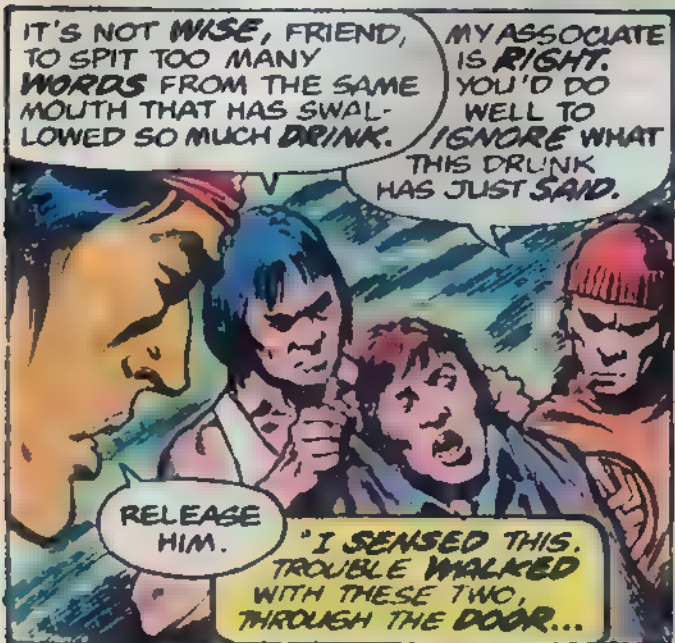
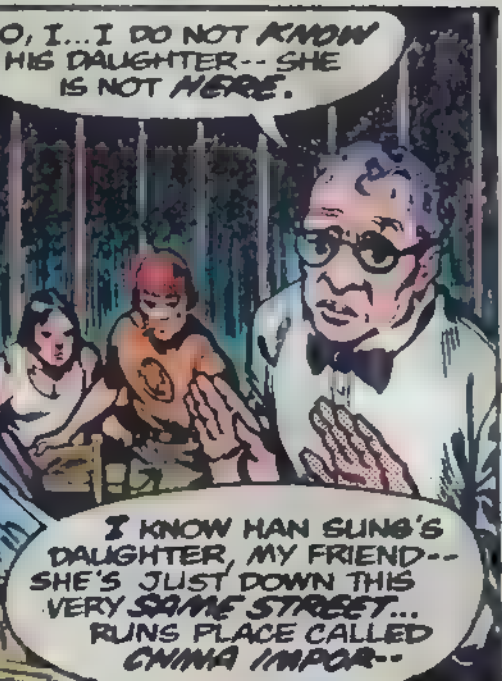
"HE HAD SUMMONED ME TO HIS CHAMBERS, BUT HAD NOT YET NOTICED MY ARRIVAL... AND IT SEEMED, AGAIN, AS IF I WERE SPYING ON A SECRET..."

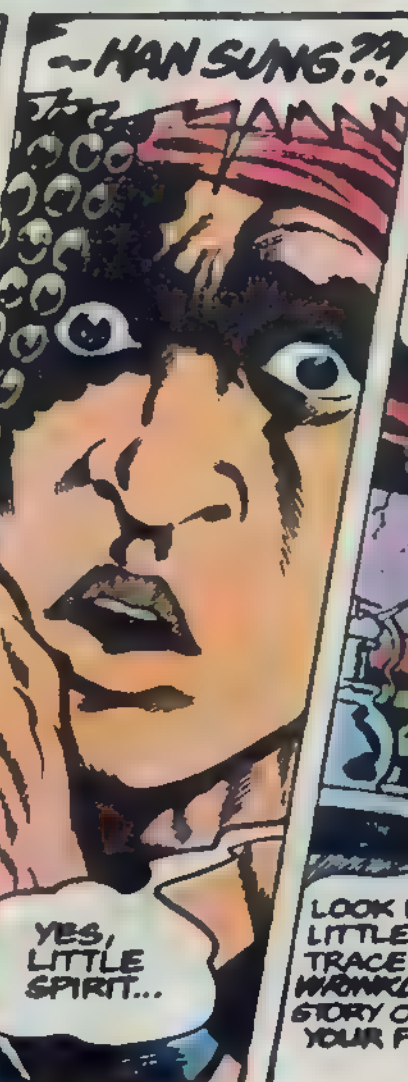
MY FLESH IS STILL RESILIENT, DUCHARME, BUT DEEP INSIDE I FEEL IT... AGE, CHAFING AT THE EDGES OF MY SPIRIT.

"I REMEMBER THE SECOND TIME, AFTER HAN SUNG HAD BEEN SENT AWAY, THAT I SAW MY FATHER TOUCH HIS LIPS TO AN ORNATE FLASK OF TIME..."

IT WILL REQUIRE MORE, I SUSPECT, EVER MORE, TO FLUSH IT OUT.

"I CAN WAIT NO LONGER, MERELY HOPING THAT HAN SUNG'S DREAMS OF ETERNAL LIFE WILL NOT TAKE THE FORM OF HIS DEATH."





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Pause for a heavy sigh of amazement, followed by warmly glowing radiations of inner satisfaction, then a wistfully thankful goosh-wow feeling of gratification, all garnished with a great big grin.

The mail on our recently completed six (eight? ten?) part Fu Manchu opus has started to flood in, People—with a voluminous vengeance! It feels like tons of it, and we couldn't be buried under anything better. There are easily more than a thousand letters here, almost literally unanimous in hyperbole-busting praise. (The single negative letter received thus far is from a Sax Rohmer purist who disagrees with some of the "license" we've taken regarding previously established characters, and comments not at all on Shang-Chi or the series in and of its own merits.) We wish we could print all the letters, obviously cannot, and therefore extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who took the time and trouble to write; small consolation, true, but extended with the very best intentions available...

So what are we gonna do now—rest on our pooped-out laurels? Nah; we're gonna start printing some of those letters...

Friends,

I am exhausted. Not just physically and mentally, but emotionally exhausted as well. I have in front of me the greatest continuing comic story ever produced. Now: Where do I go from *here*? What can I say that will in any way reward your success without making you overbearingly proud? For the last six months I have laughed, cried, shuddered, been excited and calmed, stupefied and even humbled—all due to your masterpiece called MASTER OF KUNG FU.

Doug, you must feel immense satisfaction when you look back on the work you've done in the past few years. I suppose you might even be guilty of feeling pride, but, if so, your pride is both justified and understandable. I only hope that some day you can equal and even surpass the grandeur you've created in MOKF thus far. I don't think I will ever see, hear, read, or *feel* a greater story than the one you've just given me. I no longer *read* your dialogue; I *hear it spoken*. Here I find a fluid, continuously evolving storyline with no missteps or unnecessary actions. I love it.

Paul, never before have I seen an artist mature with such grace and in so little time. Never have I seen such realism in facial expressions, or such intense dynamics in body actions. Your work is greatly appreciated.

As far as I'm concerned, Marvel has four Shazam Awards in the bag—Best Writer (Doug Moench); Best Artist (Paul Gulacy); Best Continuing Comic (MOKF); and Best Story (any issue of MOKF).

Matthew Nelson
1729 Ashton Avenue
Sharpsville, PA 16150

Dear Doug and Paul,

So it finally comes to an end, as all things must. I'll save my words on the overview until next issue's epilog, but the two words which spring to mind on this half-a-hundredth issue of MASTER OF KUNG FU are "well done." From the fine Dave Cockrum cover to the fading shot of earth, the script and artwork sparkled.

Allow me to pause and play "thinking man" for a moment. Fu Manchu meant it, after all: His "ages-old evil" hid a man of ideals, foreign to most in the truest sense of that much-abused word. The reactions of a grandiose man to dangers which many of us fail to perceive are in themselves grandiose, and if Fu Manchu feels he must blow up the moon to open the eyes of those fragments of mankind who will survive...well, so far nothing less than that has accomplished the task.

Pragmatism is idealism, in a way; if one's ideal is to maintain the status quo, survival of mankind, then they are interchangeable. So Fu Manchu has his dream, and ultimately it destroys him (for now); but it is the Smiths and Restons who win, because they are the smaller dreamers. And in the middle, the thinker who hides from his dreams: Shang-Chi.

But before I take off on a soapbox, I repeat, to Paul and Doug (as well as Mike, John, Jan, and Archie): Well done.

Roger Kloress
9415 NW 72nd Street
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Dear Archie,

I never read the letters pages in MASTER OF KUNG FU anymore. They're all the same: "Magnificent, great, artistic, creative, flawless, beautiful, etc. etc. etc." So why not use the space for something more interesting?

But the thing is...all those things people say in the letters pages are true (issue #50 being no exception)! So I might as well add my own 2¢ worth. MOKF is, in my opinion, *the best* comic on the shelves—and has been, ever since Moench and Gulacy started their collaboration. No ifs, ands, buts, or maybes!

(Now I can start reading the letters pages again to see if you print this...)

J. Doug Dennis
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In conclusion, we'd like to pass along the following quotation forwarded by Bill Wrings of Sandringham, Australia...

"A martial art is not a means of felling an opponent by force or by lethal instruments. Neither is it intended to lead the world to destruction by arms and other illegitimate means. A true martial art calls for bringing the inner energy of the universe to order, protecting the peace of the world and molding, as well as preserving, everything in nature in its right form."

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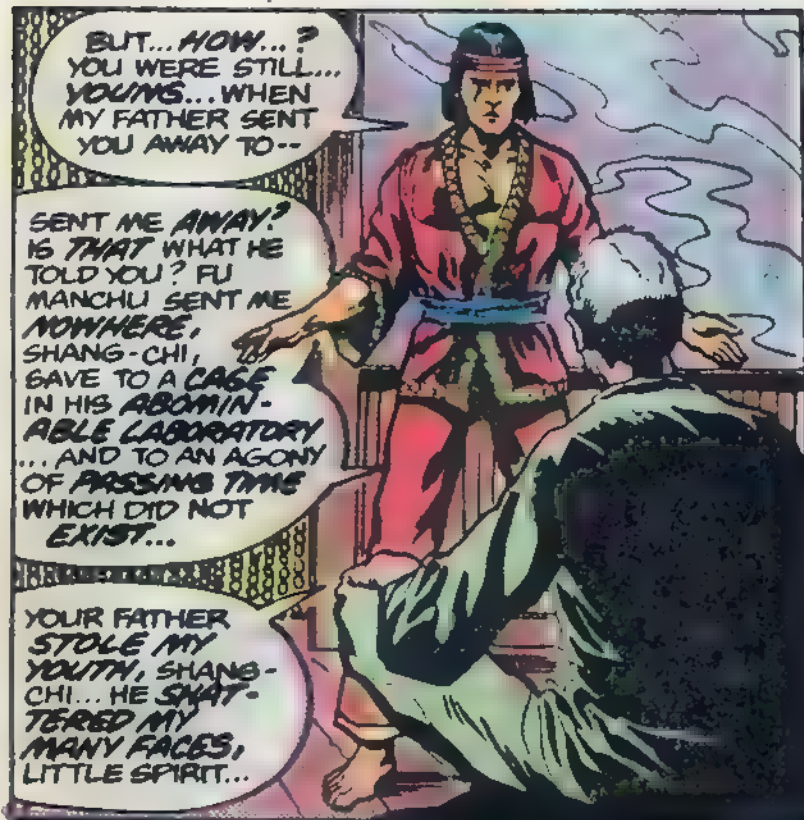
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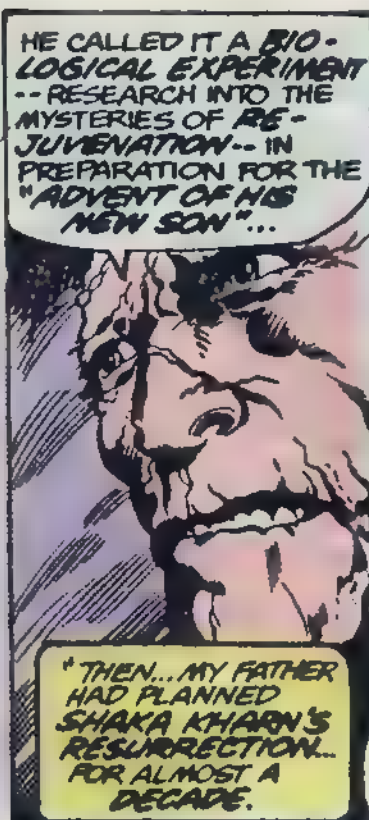
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BUT... HOW...?
YOU WERE STILL...
YOUNG... WHEN
MY FATHER SENT
YOU AWAY TO--

SENT ME AWAY?
IS THAT WHAT HE
TOLD YOU? FU
MANCHU SENT ME
NOWHERE,
SHANG-CHI,
GAVE TO A CAGE
IN HIS ABOMIN-
ABLE LABORATORY
... AND TO AN AGONY
OF PASSING TIME
WHICH DID NOT
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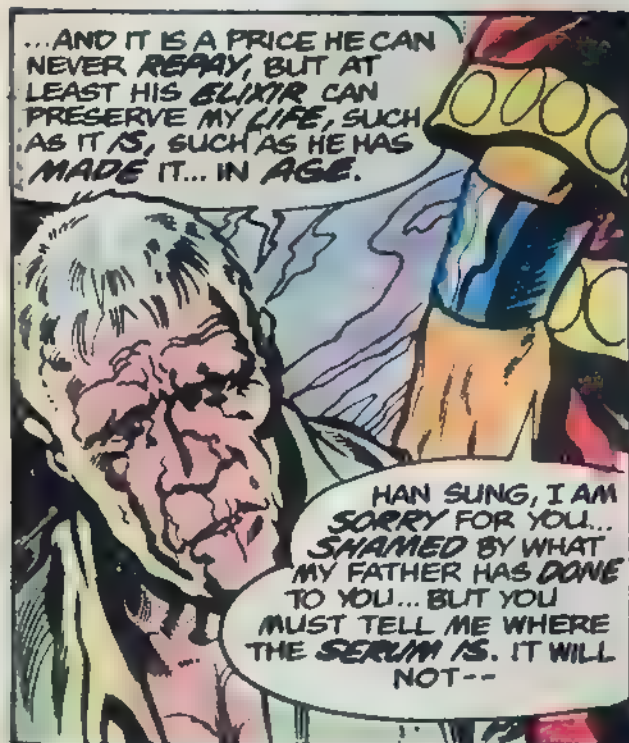


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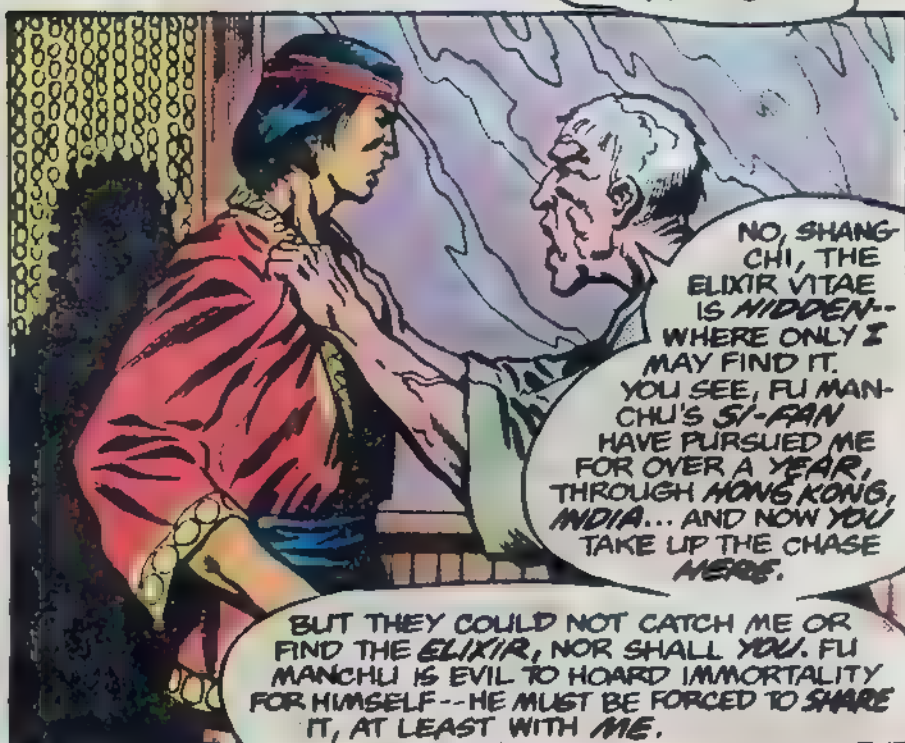


HE SELECTED ME
FOR THE IRONY OF
THE CHOICE. HE KNEW
OF MY INTEREST IN
HIS SERUM, AND SO
HE AGED ME BEYOND
MY YEARS. HE OWES
ME MY YOUTH, MY
FACES...



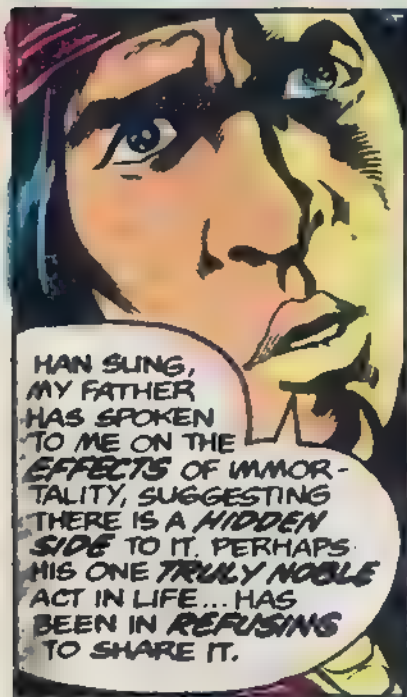
... AND IT IS A PRICE HE CAN
NEVER REPAY, BUT AT
LEAST HIS ELIXIR CAN
PRESERVE MY LIFE, SUCH
AS IT IS, SUCH AS HE HAS
MADE IT... IN AGE.

HAN SUNG, I AM
SORRY FOR YOU...
SHAMED BY WHAT
MY FATHER HAS DONE
TO YOU... BUT YOU
MUST TELL ME WHERE
THE SERUM IS. IT WILL
NOT--

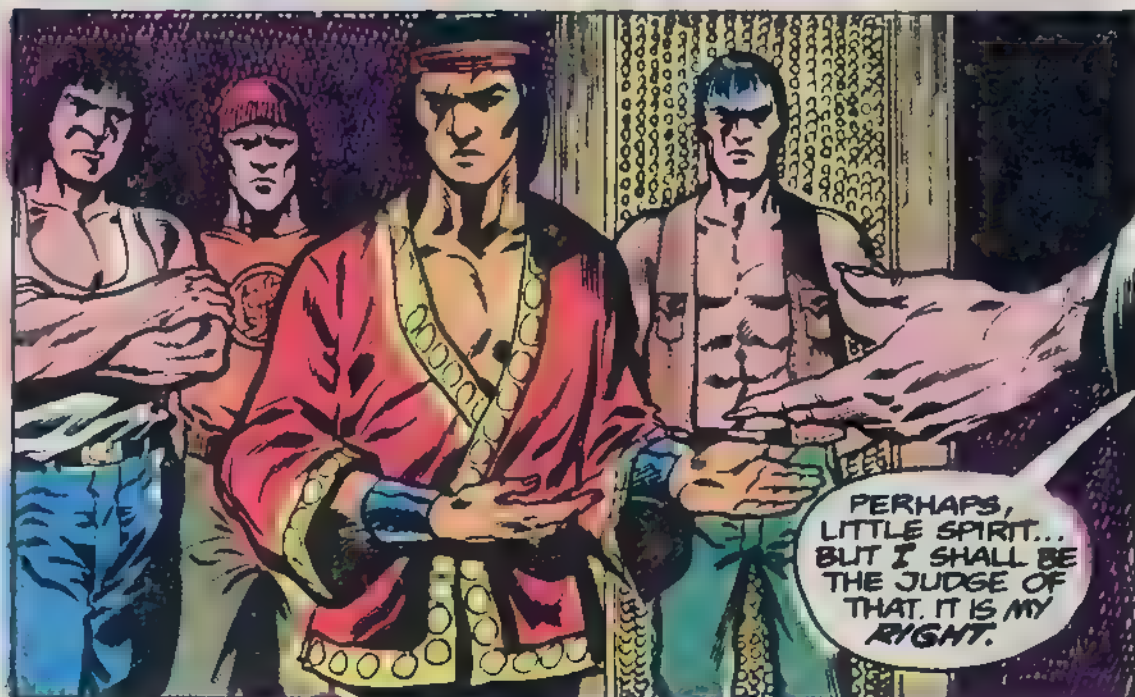


NO, SHANG-
CHI, THE
ELIXIR VITAE
IS HIDDEN--
WHERE ONLY I
MAY FIND IT.
YOU SEE, FU MAN-
CHU'S SI-FAN
HAVE PURSUED ME
FOR OVER A YEAR,
THROUGH HONG KONG,
INDIA... AND NOW YOU
TAKE UP THE CHASE
HERE.

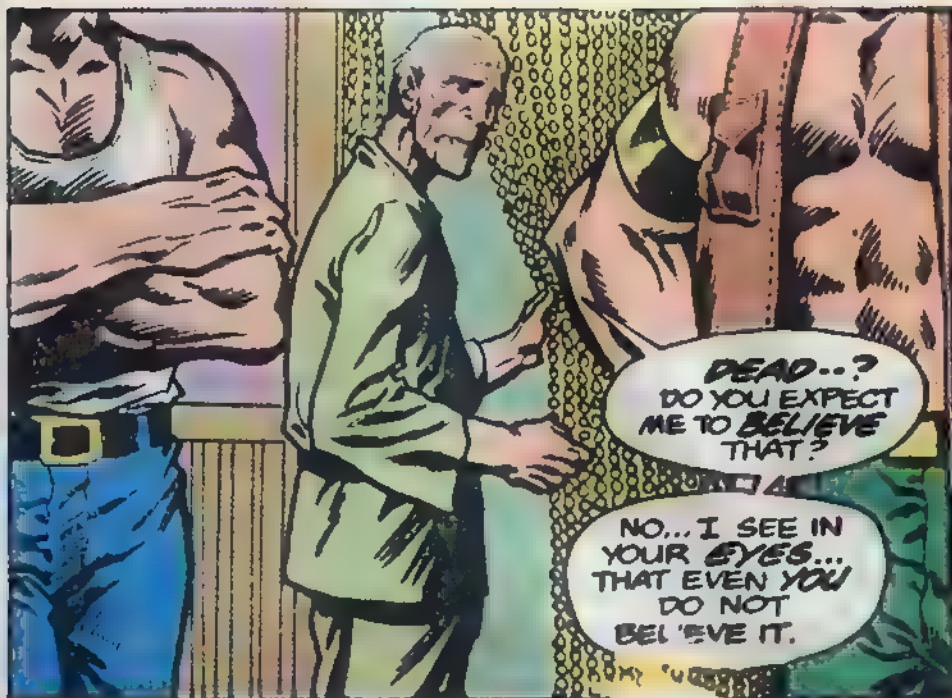
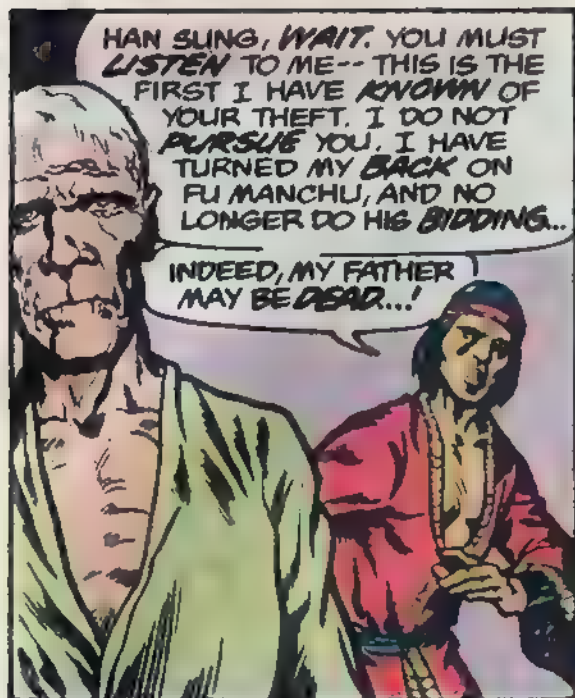
BUT THEY COULD NOT CATCH ME OR
FIND THE ELIXIR, NOR SHALL YOU. FU
MANCHU IS EVIL TO HOARD IMMORTALITY
FOR HIMSELF-- HE MUST BE FORCED TO SHARE
IT, AT LEAST WITH ME.



HAN SUNG,
MY FATHER
HAS SPOKEN
TO ME ON THE
EFFECTS OF IMMOR-
TALITY, SUGGESTING
THERE IS A HIDDEN
SIDE TO IT. PERHAPS
HIS ONE TRULY NOBLE
ACT IN LIFE... HAS
BEEN IN REFUSING
TO SHARE IT.



PERHAPS,
LITTLE SPIRIT...
BUT I SHALL BE
THE JUDGE OF
THAT. IT IS MY
RIGHT.





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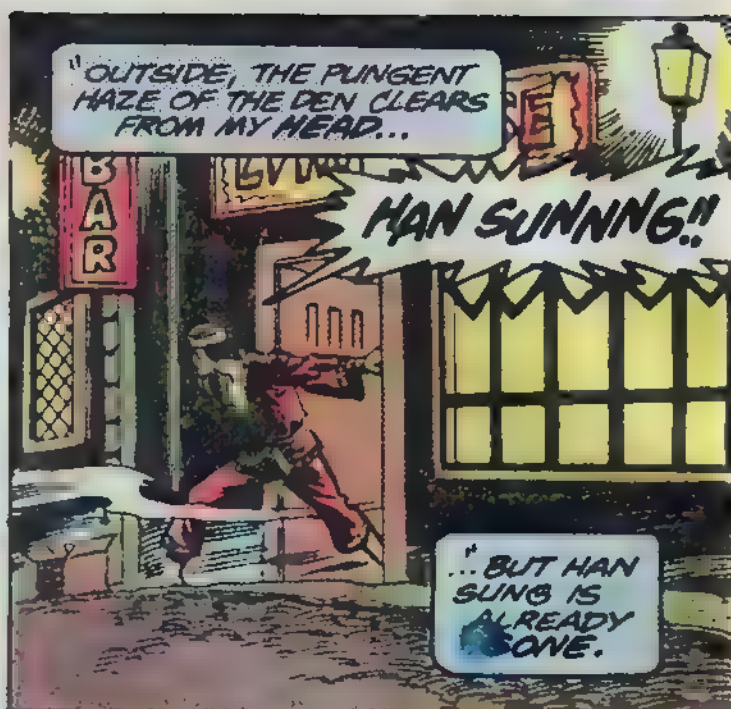
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THERE IS NO
TIME TO
FIGHT!



"OUTSIDE, THE PUNGENT
HAZE OF THE DEN CLEARS
FROM MY HEAD...

HAN SUNNING!!

"...BUT HAN
SUNG IS
ALREADY
GONE.

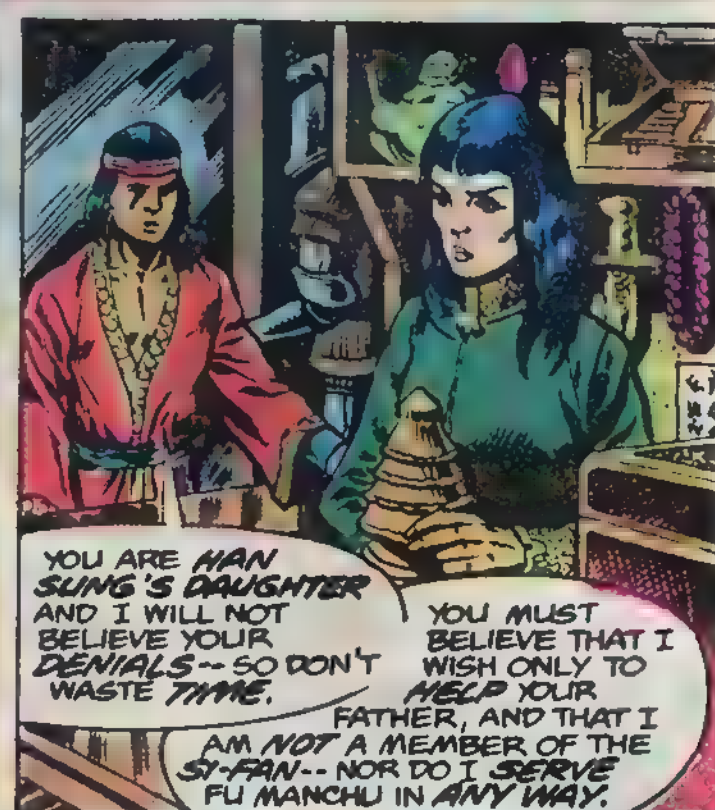


"BUT THERE
IS YET ONE
CHANCE... ONE
PLACE TO TRY.



CHIN
IMPOR

"HE DOES NOT KNOW
I HAVE LEARNED
OF IT...



YOU ARE HAN
SUNG'S DAUGHTER
AND I WILL NOT
BELIEVE YOUR
DENIALS-- SO DON'T
WASTE TIME.

YOU MUST
BELIEVE THAT I
WISH ONLY TO
HELP YOUR

FATHER, AND THAT I
AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE
SI-FAN-- NOR DO I SERVE
FU MANCHU IN ANY WAY.



PLEASE. THE
ELIXIR COULD
HURT HIM-- YOU
MUST BELIEVE
THAT. HAN SUNG
WOULD NOT
LISTEN TO ME,
BUT IT IS THE
TRUTH.

JUST TELL
ME-- PERHAPS
TO SAVE HIS
LIFE-- TELL ME
WHERE HE HAS
HIDDEN THE
SERUM, SO I
MAY DESTROY IT.



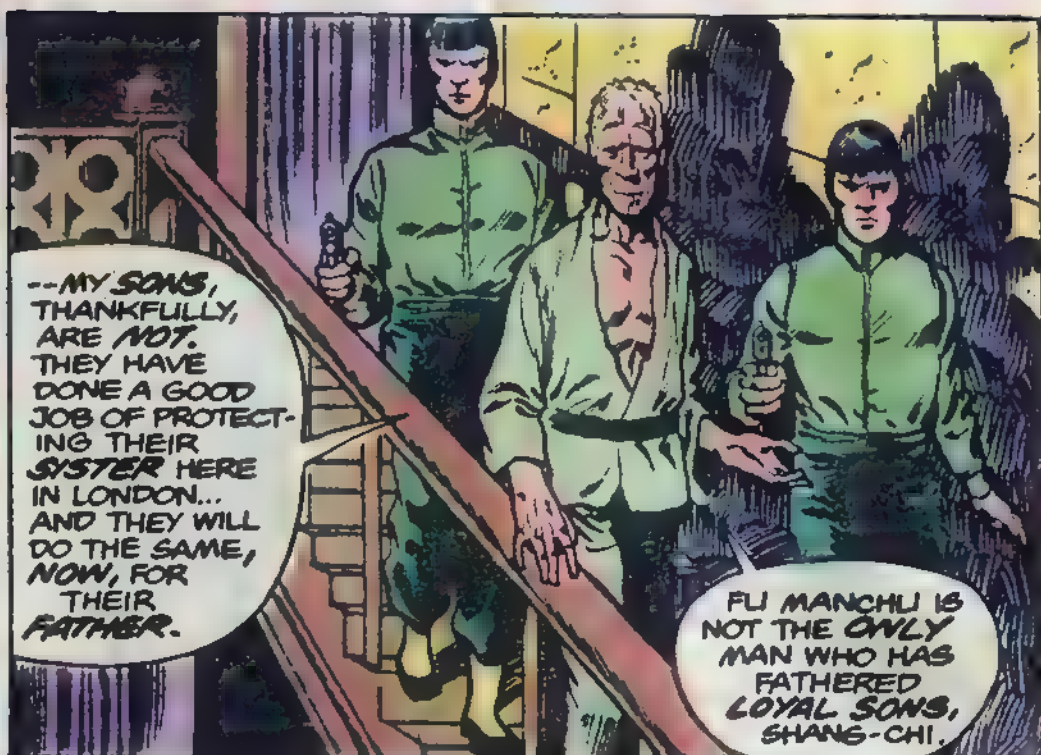
WELL, I... I
DON'T KNOW--
DON'T KNOW
YOU. WHAT
IF...?

PLEASE--
WE MUST
PROTECT HIM,
TOGETHER,
FROM HIS
OWN FEARS!

"SHE IS ALMOST CON-
VINCED, WISHING TO
BELIEVE ME, PERHAPS
BECAUSE SHE ALREADY
FEARS THE ELIXIR
HERSELF...

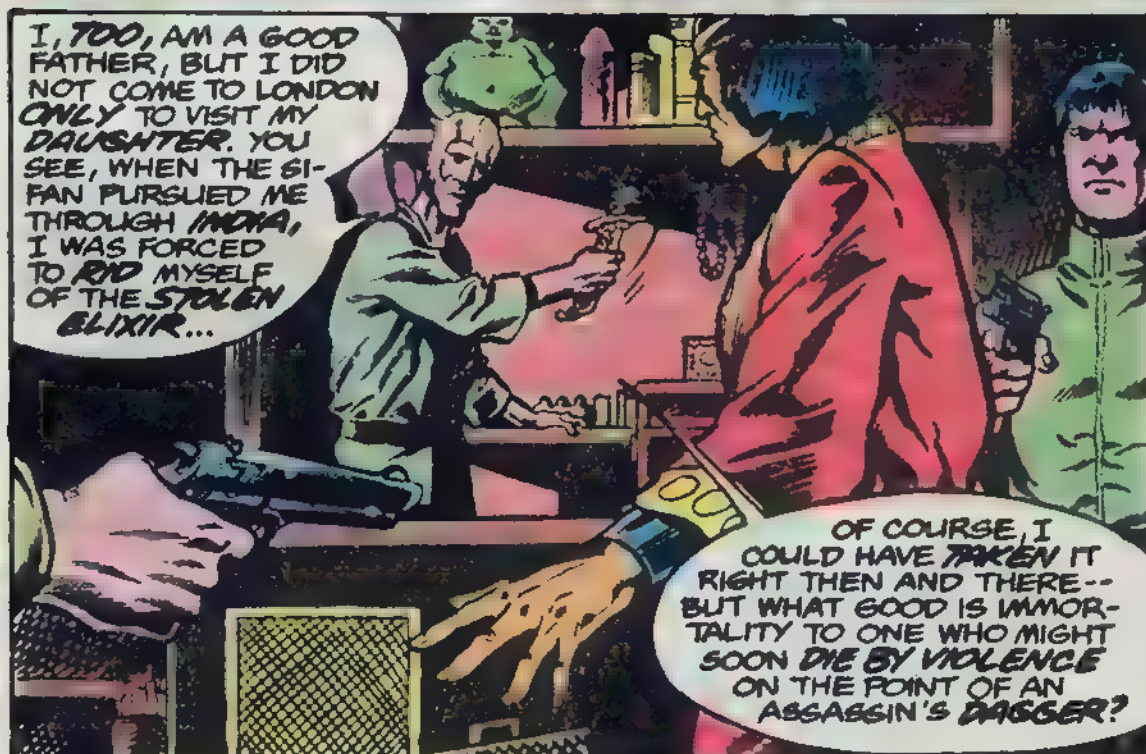


YOU ARE TOO LATE, LITTLE SPIRIT. YOU SEE, WHILE MY DAUGHTER IS GULLIBLE AND GIVEN TO WORRY--



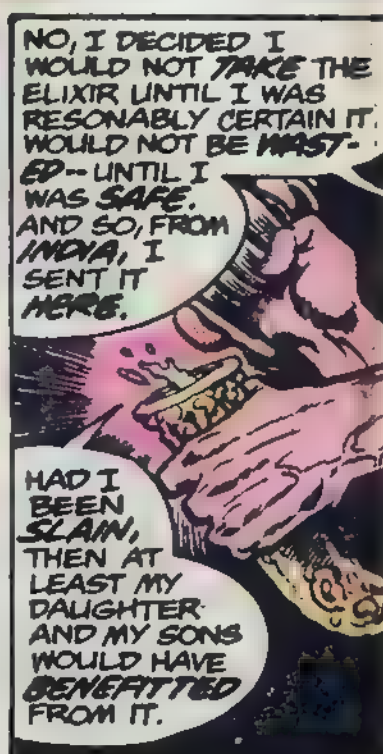
--MY SONS, THANKFULLY, ARE NOT. THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF PROTECTING THEIR SISTER HERE IN LONDON... AND THEY WILL DO THE SAME, NOW, FOR THEIR FATHER.

FU MANCHU IS NOT THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS FATHERED LOYAL SONS, SHANG-CHI.



I, TOO, AM A GOOD FATHER, BUT I DID NOT COME TO LONDON ONLY TO VISIT MY DAUGHTER. YOU SEE, WHEN THE SI-FAN PURSUED ME THROUGH INDIA, I WAS FORCED TO RID MYSELF OF THE STOLEN ELIXIR...

OF COURSE, I COULD HAVE TAKEN IT RIGHT THEN AND THERE-- BUT WHAT GOOD IS IMMORTALITY TO ONE WHO MIGHT SOON DIE BY VIOLENCE ON THE POINT OF AN ASSASSIN'S DAGGER?



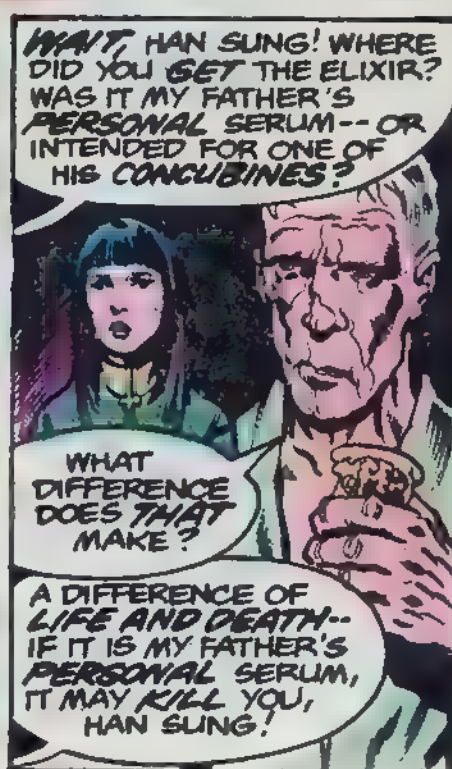
NO, I DECIDED I WOULD NOT TAKE THE ELIXIR UNTIL I WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN IT WOULD NOT BE WASTED-- UNTIL I WAS SAFE. AND SO, FROM INDIA, I SENT IT HERE.

HAD I BEEN SLAIN, THEN AT LEAST MY DAUGHTER AND MY SONS WOULD HAVE BENEFITTED FROM IT.



BUT NOW, I AM GOING TO TAKE IT, SHANG-CHI, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES... WHILE YOU ARE HELPLESS TO STOP ME.

YOU SEE, WHILE I AM CERTAIN YOU WISH TO STOP ME, I DO NOT BELIEVE YOUR SPIRIT WILL ALLOW YOU TO SLAY ME ONCE YOU HAVE FAILED.



WAIT, HAN SUNG! WHERE DID YOU GET THE ELIXIR? WAS IT MY FATHER'S PERSONAL SERUM-- OR INTENDED FOR ONE OF HIS CONCUBINES?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?

A DIFFERENCE OF LIFE AND DEATH-- IF IT IS MY FATHER'S PERSONAL SERUM, IT MAY KILL YOU, HAN SUNG!



NICE... TRY, LITTLE SPIRIT.



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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Beloved! Hey, I finally found a way to get myself off the hook with you! I'm always getting letters from frantic ones complaining that they missed a Marvel radio or TV interview because they didn't know it would be on the air until too late, and demanding that we let 'em know in advance. And, as I keep trying to explain, we usually can't let you know in advance because those air dates are made after our maps are already at the printers. But—here's one case where we're able to tip you off in plenty of time (so you can be sure to miss it!) I'm writing these imperishable words at the end of February '77, and they'll be printed in our maps that go on sale in May. Now, I just made a commitment to do a half-hour radio interview on what is probably the largest-audience radio program in the country, FOCUS ON YOUTH. It's supposed to be aired late in May or early June. Some of their previous guests have been Walter Mondale, Dick Cavett, Ayn Rand, and Ted Kennedy. I guess they invited me hoping that I'd put in a good word for them with Howard the Duck! Anyway, the FOCUS ON YOUTH producers gave me a list of stations for you which are scheduled to carry the interview; and now, before I forget, here 'tis:

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I suggest you call whichever station is in your area to find out the exact date and time. Boy, won't it be awful if a lot of people are listening and I come across sounding like Irving Forbush? (Especially when everyone knows I really sound like J. Jonah Jameson!) And now, before I let you get back to the real world, remember a couple of months ago when I asked if anyone knew how to pronounce "Caud mille faulta"? Here's the first answer we got, from our newest giant-size no-prize winner, Juliane Seeley of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and here's J.S.'s letter: "According to Irish Gaelic your phrase is pronounced 'cade me lay faulta'. Though Scotch Gaelic belongs to a slightly different family of the language, the pronunciation would be much the same." And in case you've all forgotten, our frenetic little phrase means "A hundred thousand welcomes"—which, until next ish, is what I wish to you!

Excelsior!

ITEM! Spring is still several weeks in the future as your amiable armadillos set this in type, but signs of Summer loom large in our vision. One of the surest signs—at least in the mixed-up Marvel manner of viewing things—is the appearance of our colossal King-size Annuals, and this month heralds the arrival of the first two of these! Kicking things off will be the IRON MAN ANNUAL, in which the armored Avenger joins forces with the Champions to try to avert the most devastating disaster to menace the West Coast since the Hulk lost a can of his favorite beans in the San Andreas fault. JIM SHOOTER plotted it, BILL MANTLO wrote it, GEORGE TUSKA and DON PERLIN penciled and inked it to perfection... all you have to do is sit back, read it, and enjoy! And should you

crave more—in fact, we're kinda counting on it—Jolly JACK KIRBY has created, with the able inking assistance of JOHN VERPOORTEN and JOHN TARTAGLIONE, a king-size clash with that most malevolent of master villains, Magneto, for the CAPTAIN AMERICA ANNUAL. Just to make certain you get your money's worth, Jack's also tossing in an entirely new Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. It all adds up to deadly danger for Cap, but a guaranteed 34 pages of sheer thrills for you. Between our Annuals and other special projects—like our Incredible KISS book which goes on sale next month—we've got a summerful of way-out wonderment planned for you. Get in on it early so you don't miss any of the fun!

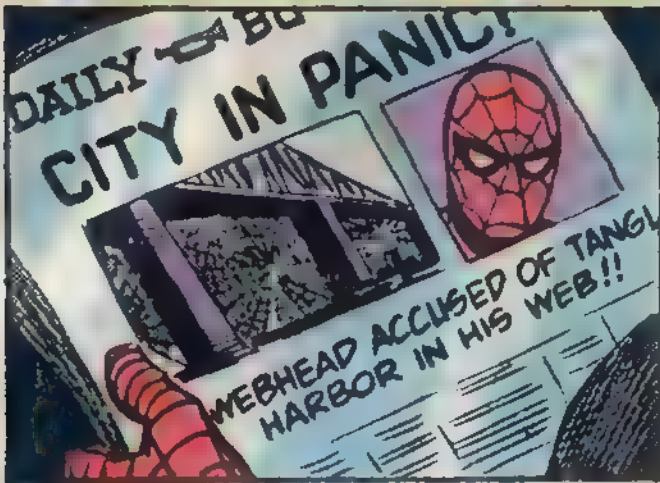
ITEM! For all of you who do your comics buying at a local 7-ELEVEN® store, there's another harbinger of Summer in the wings, namely a new set of Mighty Marvel Slurpee cups. Several seasons back, the Slurpee cups featured all the Marvel characters (including one of STAN THE MAN himself) and have gone on to become full-fledged collector's items, scrambled for, fought over, and sold at inflationary prices at most comics conventions. This time around, instead of mere solitary poses, the cups feature panoramic wrap-around scenes of our characters in the kind of awesome action that's the Marvel trademark. As artfully assembled and creatively colored by the bullpen's own Fearless PATY, we think this new set is going to be even more highly treasured than the first one. So, a word to the wise is sufficient. These Slurpee cups go on sale in the early summer. Watch for 'em... and glom on to them fast!



ITEM! A couple of Bullpen Bulletins back, we told you about the great GODZILLA book we had in the works. Well, this month it hits your newstand and if you're just half as happy with the results as we were when we saw what Devil-may-care DOUG MOENCH, Happy HERB TRIMPE, and Jaunty JIM MOONEY had done with Toho Productions' lively large lizard, then we've a definite hit in the making. ITEM! As long as we've got you checking things out, we'd also like to draw your attention to the latest issue of WHAT IF...? which explores the alternate reality that might be if "The Invaders Had Stayed Together after World War II." Also on sale this month is the second issue of our six-part adaptation of the George Lucas-Twentieth Century Fox film, STAR WARS. And coming up in late June is another special film adaptation, THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU. But more about it next time around. Till then, keep on thinking Marvel!

Shortly after the completion of last month's Bullpen Bulletin, we received the saddening news that artist BOB BROWN had died of leukemia. Bob is probably best known to Marvel readers for his penciling work on DAREDEVIL, as well as on AVENGERS and MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE. During the last few years, Bob had also done much to promote better communication and exchange of ideas between American and European cartoonists. He was a gifted professional artist and a quiet, warm human being. He'll be sorely missed.

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WHAT IS GOOD ENOUGH
FOR FU MANCHU IS
GOOD ENOUGH FOR--

NO,
FATHER!!

"THEIR EYES DART
FROM ME TO HER."

"THE OPENING IS
ENOUGH-- MUST
BE ENOUGH!"

BAM

WAP
TWIOP

NO! I MUST
HAVE THE ELIXIR--
IT IS MY RIGHT--
I WILL NOT LET
YOU STOP ME!

KUNCH

WAIT, FATHER! GIVE HIM
A CHANCE! HE COULD
BE TELLING THE TRUTH!!

FWAK

"AND NOW, HAN
SUNG FORCES
ME TO PLAY THE
ROLE HE HAS
IMAGINED--
THE PURSUER."

HE RUNS FOR
WATERLOO
BRIDGE, LOOM-
ING IN THE
DISTANT FOG...

"...PROVING HIS ANCIENT
FACE IS BUT A MASK,
FOR HE RUNS WITH THE
STRENGTH OF HIS TRUE
AGE-- RUNS FOR WHAT
HE BELIEVES IS HIS LIFE."

"I WILL NOT
OVERTAKE
HIM BEFORE
HE REACHES
THE BRIDGE."

NO! IT
IS MY
RIGHT!



"IT IS WHAT I FEARED.
HE WILL HAVE A
CHANCE NOW, TO STOP
--AND DRINK IT...!"

YOU CANNOT
STOP ME NOW,
SHANG-CHI! I WILL
LIVE FOREVER!!



DO YOU HEAR--?!
FOREVER!!

NOOOOOO



"THE THIRD TIME I SAW MY
FATHER...AND HIS VILE
SERUM..."

THAT IS
MINE,
DUCHARME! I
HAVE TOLD YOU
NEVER TO TAKE
THE VITAE WITH-
OUT ASKING ME!

WE MUST USE
DIFFERENT
SERUMS NOW.



NO,
HAN SUNG--

NOOOO!!



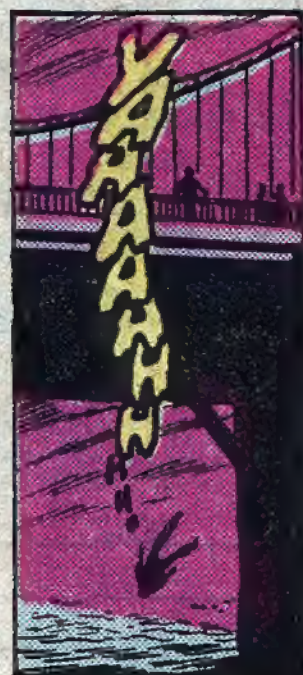
MY SYSTEM
HAS DEVELOPED
A TOLERANCE
OF THE ELIXIR--
AN IMMUNITY--
THROUGH PRO-
LONGED USE,
REQUIRING AN
EVER INCREASED
DOSAGE.

SHOULD ANYONE
ELSE ADMINISTER
MY MIXTURE--



"--THE RESULT
WOULD BE DEATH."

A-AAAGH-K-K



FATHER--!
YOU... YOU
KILLED HIM!



NO... HIS OWN FEAR OF
DEATH... KILLED
HIM.

"HAN SUNG'S WEAKNESS
WAS ALWAYS HIS RELIANCE
ON A SINGLE FACE, A SINGLE
MIND. I RESENT HIM
FOR THAT. I RESENT THE
TIME HE HAS STOLEN...
FROM HIMSELF."

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DIFFERENCE
CAN THE
BALL MAKE?



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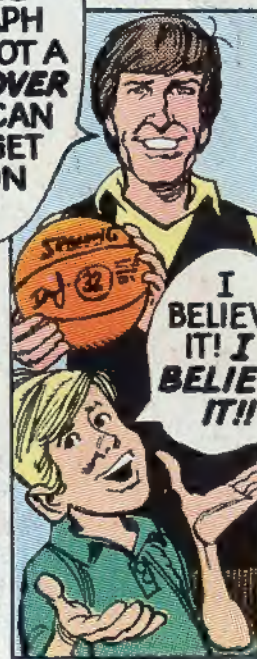
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